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I Created a Man

Jamie Somerstein

I created a man
Out of dust and timber.
And let him live
Rent free in my labyrinth of a mind
To spend eternity in helpless retreat.
I hoped to see him make a home there.
A comfortable niche of amber light
Where my love would envelop him like sand.
Like flowers
Ten days stale and feeble as a paper wing
I couldn't let go of him.
In his petrified state
He possesses the same beauty I once captured in bloom.

This is all behind me.
The winds have changed
And I cannot follow this flock
Towards the same familiar tree
Illuminated by flame
Adorned by ash.
You are free to decay.